



## Judy Gail Bench

October 25, 1948 - February 14, 2018

Judy Gail Bench, 69, passed away at her home in TuLakes, KS on February 14, 2018. She was born in Wichita, KS on October 25, 1948 to Wilby Dale and Betty Lou (Watkins) Holdaway. Judy married Darrell Bench in Miami, OK on May 31, 1975. He survives at their home.

Judy grew up in Wichita, KS, attending and graduating from high school in Valley Center, KS. She was in the accounting field for 22 years before returning to school at the age of 51 to fulfill her dream of being a nurse. Upon graduation, she worked as an LPN in a nursing home and took great pride in her job. She was a hard worker who did a wonderful job and was often complimented for her skills by those she cared for.

She was a great wife, loving mother, the best grandmother, and was considered the backbone of her family. Judy was an excellent cook and loved attending her grandkids sporting events. She especially liked attending her grandson, Aaron's, baseball games and never missed a single one. Upon retiring, Judy was able to enjoy more traveling with Darrell, and took multiple trips with him in the last few years. Judy will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include:

Husband:

Darrell Bench, of the home

Daughters:

Jill Bench and fiancé Chris Mitchell of Chanute, KS

Randi Haviland and husband Mark of Chanute, KS

Devin Bench and Stacy Splechter of Chanute, KS

Mother:

Betty Holdaway of Wellington, KS

Brothers:

Jim Holdaway of Wellington, KS

Joe Holdaway of Valley Center, KS

Uncle:

Maurice "Mo" Watkins of Wellington, KS

9 Grandchildren:

Aaron Haviland

Nathan Leatherwood

Jessica Leatherwood

Alana Clifford

McKenzie Mitchell

Ashley Haviland

Kelsey Haviland

Jakob Bench

Kaleb Bench

1 Great-Grandchild:

Emily Leatherwood

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Wilby Dale Holdaway.

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home – Johnson Chapel followed immediately by a service at 1:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute, KS. Memorials have been suggested to the American Legion Post #170 Baseball Fund and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N.  
Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Judy i will never forget you. We had so much fun growing up together in Park City. Your friend, CARLA SPURGIN LEIMKUHLER

Carla Spurgin leimkuhler - May 02, 2019 at 09:30 AM

MM

“ McKenzie Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Judy Gail Bench



McKenzie Mitchell - March 30, 2019 at 01:43 PM

MC

“ Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench



Mckenzie - November 13, 2018 at 08:57 PM

PM

“ Peggy Minter lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench



Peggy Minter - May 04, 2018 at 08:34 PM

Jill  
Bench

“ *Jill Bench sent a virtual gift in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Jill Bench** - February 16, 2018 at 02:23 PM

PM

*Im so sorry Jill. I just saw this today. Peggy Minter (Holdaway)*

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**Peggy Minter** - May 04, 2018 at 08:29 PM

JB

“ *Jakob And Kaleb Bench sent a virtual gift in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Jakob and Kaleb Bench** - February 16, 2018 at 02:23 PM

DS

“ *Devin Bench And Stacy Splechter lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Devin Bench and Stacy Splechter** - February 16, 2018 at 02:21 PM

 Jill  
Bench

“ *Jill Bench lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Jill Bench** - February 16, 2018 at 02:18 PM

AH

“ *Ashley & Kelsey Haviland lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Ashley & Kelsey Haviland** - February 16, 2018 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ *Mark & Randi Haviland lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Mark & Randi Haviland** - February 15, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ *Susan Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench*



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**Susan Mitchell** - February 15, 2018 at 09:09 PM

DE

“ DeCosters lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench



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**DeCosters** - February 15, 2018 at 07:50 PM



Chauntee  
Alfrey-  
Cardinale

“ Chauntee Alfrey-Cardinale lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench



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**Chauntee Alfrey-Cardinale** - February 15, 2018 at 07:40 PM

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“ Shelley Blevins (Dannels) lit a candle in memory of Judy Gail Bench



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**Shelley Blevins (Dannels)** - February 15, 2018 at 07:06 PM